

**June 7, 2023
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Camacho: I'm going to go over a few house rules. We understand that we're in a network situation with connectivity issues, we ask that you mute your computers or cell phones until you're called. We operate under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, any transactions, all of our testimony, and discussions between Commissioners is done in the open and totally transparent. When we do call cases and we experience connectivity issues we will pause that case, exceed to the next case, and allow you to reestablish connectivity with us. Additionally, I'll explain the procedure, the Director will call the case, I'll swear in whoever is going to be testifying, after the testimony is taken, I'll ask for a motion, someone will second the motion and then we'll take a vote. We normally have five Commissioners, but our Chairwoman isn't with us today and Commissioner Smith had to tend to an emergency.

Director Sheppard: During a typical hearing, there would be an exchange between the Board and the attorneys to exchange information as exhibits. Because this hearing is now virtual, we have implemented a 10-day rule to give those individuals here today, 10-days from today's date to add to the official record. I would ask that you email myself or the administrative staff of the BOLC. You may add information to the record long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. **t/a El Rinconcito Restaurant & Carryout** – Azeb Mesfin, Managing Member, Ana Rosa, Managing Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of El Rinconcito Restaurant Carryout, LLC, **t/a El Rinconcito Restaurant & Carryout**, 7443 Annapolis Road, Landover Hills, Maryland 20784. The Board will review the establishment’s conduct for the last six (6) months and determine how to proceed with the provisional SEP – Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George’s County Police Department) testified that he pulled the calls for service report from November 9, 2022, to May 29, 2023. There were sixteen calls but only five were directly related to the establishment. The establishment has secondary employment every night entertainment is held.

Chief Robert Liberati (Town of Landover Hills) and Mayor Jeff Schomisch (Town of Landover Hills) states they are no longer in opposition of this application. The establishment has satisfied the concerns for the Town of Landover Hills.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to grant the permanent Special Entertainment Permit to El Rinconcito Restaurant & Carryout, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**

2. **t/a Rincon Escondido Deli Bar and Restaurant**, Esmeralda Olmos Rosa, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Rinco Escondido Deli Bar and Restaurant, LLC, **t/a Rincon Escondido Deli Bar and Restaurant**, 5701 Columbia Park Road, Cheverly, Maryland 20785. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge her right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

The plans for Rincon Escondido Deli Bar and Restaurant if granted a Special Entertainment Permit are to have a DJ and karaoke seven days a week.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George’s County Police Department) states he conducted a site inspection on May 26, 2023, we went over the Rules and Regulations. The security plan is adequate.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Rincon Escondido Deli Bar and Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**

3. **t/a Drinx Market**, Vera Nikolaeva, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Triangle Liquors, Inc., 1409 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743. Request for a Delivery Permit.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Mr. Nikolaeva states since the pandemic, customers have shifted to curbside pickup, we’re already implementing Rule and Regulation 76 inside the store. We plan to use a barcode scanner for I.D.’s, it’s the same software as the cash register. The software creates a log of all deliveries.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Delivery Permit for t/a Drinx Market, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**

4. **t/a Tubby's**, Mihir B. Patel, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Somnath Corp., 5701 Sandy Springs Road, Laurel, Maryland 20707 Request for a Delivery Permit.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Mr. Patel states the market has changed; his establishment is taking one extra step to provide customers with excellent service. During deliveries employees will be using Drizly, this allows the employee to scan the customers I.D. and verify the person. Drizly is an online ordering and delivery platform that facilitates the delivery of alcohol from local retailers via its mobile app or website.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Delivery Permit for t/a Tubby's, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. **t/a Zheng's Restaurant**, Ming Xi Lu, Vice President, Yang Jian Lu, President for a Class D(R), Beer for the use of Lizhang, Inc, 6019 66th Avenue, Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737. – Request for an Alcoholic Beverage Conversion from a Class D, Beer to a Class D, Beer and Wine License.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Mr. Lu states we've had this license for fifteen to twenty years, customers have been asking for wine. We would like to offer a variety to our customers.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage Conversion for t/a Zheng's Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. Beatrice A. Mananga, Managing Member, **t/a Kitchen Near You**, 5321 Ager Road Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 6-311, Purchase Alcoholic Beverages from other than a Wholesaler, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and R.R. No. 11 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; on or about Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Inspectors Bagby, Hamilton and Pascual of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners conducted an inspection at the licensed premises located at 5321 Ager Road, Hyattsville, MD. Inspector Hamilton observed a box of Champagne Moet dated November 2021, with a label with a different establishment's name. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge her right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Inspector Hamilton of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on March 8, 2023.

Ms. Mananga states the case of Moet was brought to the establishment as a gift during an African holiday, the case has been there for four years. The case was on the premises, but it was not purchased to sell to customers.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a Kitchen Near You, in violation as charged with a fine of \$1,500 and training, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. Paulos Araya, President, **t/a Peoples Convenience Store**, 4025 Silver Hill Road Silver Hill, Maryland 20746, Class DW(R), Beer and Wine, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of 4-604. Grounds for revocation or suspension. (b) (8) on-premises possession of an alcoholic beverage that a license holder is not licensed to sell of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. NO. 6 - Drinking or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages not Authorized Under License of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at approximately 5:30PM, Inspector Price entered Peoples Convenience Store located at 4025 Silver Hill Road, Silver Hill MD 20707, and observed 63 bottles of wine containing 16% of alcohol which for this license is only authorized to sell 15.5% or lower. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Inspector Price of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on March 22, 2023.

Mr. Araya states the wholesaler was supposed to pick up those bottles, they've been in the storage for almost two years.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a Peoples Convenience Store, in violation as charged with a fine of \$1,500 and training, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

8. **t/a Woodyard Market**, Md Abdus Satter, President/Treasurer, Sharmin Akther, Secretary, 6907 Dower House Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, for a 2023-2024 Renewal Protest. Represented by **Vinayak Saxena, Esquire**.

Prior to the hearing, the resident group that initiated the protest withdrew its opposition. Therefore, the case was dismissed by the Board.

Adjourned: 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC